

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the matter of

U.S. National Phase Entry
Under 35 USC 371 from
the International Application of
BUSAM, Ludwig et al
Int'l Application No. PCT/US99/09094
Filed in the RO/US on 27 April 1999
Entitled: Apertured Laminate Web

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:


Before computing the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the U.S. National Phase, please enter the following amendments **IN THE CLAIMS**:

- * In Claim 3 please replace the phrase "either Claim 1 or Claim 2" with --Claim 1--.
- * In each one of Claims 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 please replace the phrase "any one of the preceding Claims" with --Claim 1--.
- * In Claim 12 please replace the phrase "claim 10" with --Claim 11--.

The support for these amendments is found in the claims as originally filed. These amendments are being entered to bring the claims into conformance with, *inter alia*, 37 CFR §1.75; no new matter is added.

Respectfully submitted for Applicants,

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